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More government support for self-build surge



More people looking to start a building project, including affordable homes for their local community, are to receive support.

Self-build is an important element of the government's housing strategy, and supports action to help new house building firms and get empty and redundant buildings back into productive use.

The measures announced on 17 September 2013 will complement steps the government has already taken to dismantle barriers that hold back self-build projects: limited land availability and reluctance by lenders to provide finance and red tape.

Communities Minister Don Foster announced a series of measures to ensure the self-build market is opened up to those on lower incomes. These include:

Providing new grant funding for community self-builders

For the first time community self-build and community-led affordable housing projects will be able to apply for a share of £65 million from the Affordable Homes Guarantees Programme to build the affordable homes they want in their area.

Working with councils to increase land for self-build plots

New planning practice guidance will be introduced to ensure councils establish the demand for self-build in their area, as well as take steps to help aspiring self-builders. This will include compiling a local register of people who want to build their own homes so they can be given first priority when new brownfield sites become available.

Removing unfair taxes from self-builders

New Council Tax discounts will be introduced for self-build family annexes, removing an unfair council tax penalty surcharge. Meanwhile, genuine self-builders will be exempted from paying inappropriate Section 106 tariffs and the community infrastructure levy, which will cut the cost of self-build by thousands.

Freeing up more redundant public sector land for self-builders

A review of the Homes and Communities Agency's large number of smaller plots will identify those which are not viable for large-scale house building, but are perfect for small housing projects like self-build. More property asset data will be published online and the Community Right to Reclaim Land enhanced so self-builders can request redundant public sector land is released and sold for self-build projects.

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Incentives will improve household energy efficiency

More than half of small building firms think a requirement by government on homeowners to make energy-efficiency improvements when they extend their home. This would result in more work for their business, as long as any regulation was introduced alongside financial incentives to help pay for the work.

Brian Berry, the chief executive of the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), said:

"Following a thorough consultation with FMB member firms, we believe the government should re-evaluate the need for a consequential improvements regulation, but only alongside a significant financial incentive for energy efficiency. This could take the form of a reduction in VAT on home renovation and repair, variable stamp duty or variable council tax."

Boost the value and enjoyment of your home with these simple measures to increase space

Declan Curran from HomeFix Direct shares his tips on how to expand your home

Whether you're looking to boost the value of your home or want to create an extra room to enjoy, creating some extra space from within the existing house is a great route to go down. HomeFix Direct is a property maintenance and repair company based in London, run by entrepreneur Declan Curran.

Declan suggests that there are four key parts of every house that hold potential for development to unlock extra space and extra value. Which way you chose to develop depends on your budget as well as the hidden potential of the spaces in your home.

Extend upwards

Declan says, "Many people will immediately think of a roof conversion. If you have the potential for an extra bedroom or study in the attic, this is a great way to add around 10 per cent to the value of your home, especially in areas that attracts families. With costs generally starting from £10,000 – £15,000 it can provide a great return on your investment. Make sure you talk to local estate agents about how much value a roof conversion could add on. However, as it's likely that different areas will see fluctuations in added value.

Under the stairs

Somewhere you might not have considered is under the stairs. If you're looking for the perfect place to add in a downstairs

loo, wine rack or just looking for a little extra storage space, a renovation could be the perfect solution. For those in semi-detached or terraced houses, under the stairs can sometimes be the only way to go. Make sure you consider headroom, plumbing and ventilation issues before you consider this option though.

Into the basement

If you don't have enough space to extend upwards, maybe downwards is the best option for you. For those who live in areas with a high value per square foot this could be a great option, especially if you have a pre existing cellar. Cellars can be converted for around £100 per square foot, but if you need space to be dug out this will be

much closer to £300. Prepare to move out your home while the work takes place, but if you are looking to create more space to enjoy for years to come, this can be a great option to explore.

Garage conversion

Of course, if you are looking to expand outwards, then an unused garage might provide the best solution, especially as some surveys claim that 90% of homes with attached garages never put their car into the garage. While using the space to add a new/extend an existing kitchen is likely to be expensive, simply creating an extra room can be achieved from around £15,000."

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Government support for self-build homes 'increases consumer choice'

New measures announced by the government to help more people build their own home will increase choice and affordability in the housing market, says the Federation of Master Builders (FMB). The measures, announced by Don Foster, the Communities Minister, at the Liberal Democrat Conference, are designed to encourage take-up in the self-build sector, and include guidance for planning authorities to better identify local demand for self-build, and a review of small sites held by the Homes and Communities Agency to identify more land suitable for small developments and self-build projects.

Brian Berry, the Chief Executive of the FMB, said: "At a time when more and more people are trying to get on to the housing ladder, any attempt to get the self-build market moving is a positive step forward. We know that the self-build sector is an underdeveloped part of the UK housing market,

accounting for only around 10 per cent of all new homes, which compares unfavourably with other European countries such as Germany and Ireland, where the figure is 50 per cent, and Austria, where it is as high as 80 per cent."

Berry continued: "The government's proposed new planning guidance will encourage local authorities to accurately assess the level of demand for self-build in their area, which should in turn lead to local plans making better provision for self-build opportunities, increasing the options available to anyone looking for a new home. Local housebuilders typically champion choice and customer focus, and will be ideally placed to deliver the high-quality custom-built homes many people aspire to live in."

Berry concluded: "Any exemption from paying the Community Infrastructure Levy needs to apply to all small developments, not just self-build projects."

Industry hits the heights on inspirational evening

The most prestigious evening in the industry diary returned to the Ricoh on the 12 September. 800 heavy-hitters enjoyed themselves as host Nick Hewer and comedian Jimmy Carr took to the stage for the Energy Efficiency & Renewables Awards supported by NatWest.

Having established itself in recent years as 'the one to win', scores of successful, shortlisted businesses eagerly anticipated the announcement of the award winners. Winners included John Felgate of Stiebel Eltron who won the Contribution to Energy Efficiency and Wilo's Yonos-Picos, which won the Green Innovation category.

There was a host of awards for people, projects

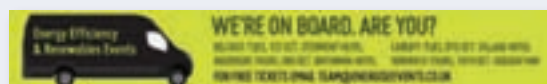


& products, but as always it was installing businesses that took centre stage, with the ultimate accolade, Energy Efficient Installer of the year, sponsored by Plumb Center, going to Glevum Heating from Gloucestershire.

The Energy Efficiency & Renewables Awards 2014 will open for nominations on February 1.

For further information on next years awards email: team@energiseevents.co.uk

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A Lifestyle Choice



The Dawsons wanted to create a modern living space to increase their natural light, as well as being dynamic in design. Due to renovation work, the family home in Solihull had become very spacious upstairs, so the main objective was to bring the downstairs in line, creating a contemporary kitchen with an open-plan living space. The Dawsons moved into their house in 2002 and undertook three projects to achieve the house they wanted; starting with the garage conversion, then the loft renovation and finally in 2012 the Dawsons decided to redesign their kitchen to create an open planned dining area. The Dawsons knew from the onset that they didn't just want a standard open-plan kitchen; they wanted a view and maximum light. "I knew exactly how I wanted it to be, I just needed to find the company that could make it happen," says Penny Dawson.

Penny had already decided

on bifolding doors, after visiting exhibitions and looking through various homes and interior magazines. The key points for her were – panoramic view, bespoke design, aluminium for durability, thermal efficiency and a fixed time scale – and it proved to be the perfect recipe for the Dawsons family home.

The downstairs extension started in May 2012 and was completed in September of that year with the whole extension adding an extra room onto the house. At the Homebuilding & Renovating show in Birmingham, the Dawsons met Origin and were impressed.

"We decided upon aluminium after talking to the experts – we knew it was the most suitable material for bi-fold doors and would stand the test of time. Origin were able to customise our doors, even down to the colour of the hinges, which we wanted to match the door colour", says Penny.

The Dawsons specified a five

door and a four door set for their contemporary kitchen. The two door sets are divided by a narrow brick wall which provides extra support to the roof allowing the Dawsons to incorporate a gable-end glass roof.

The five door set, which opens up the kitchen, was fitted in an aperture of 4,354mm with each door leaf measuring 836mm wide by a standard height of approximately 2,191mm. The four door set, opening up the dining/lounge area, was installed into a 3,434mm aperture with each door measuring approximately 805mm by 2,191mm. The aluminium doors were powder-coated in slate grey to maintain a modern fresh look, but also fade into the background drawing the eye to the garden.

Design accents such as the wooden floors, white walls and the modern kitchen island were dictated by Penny Dawson. "Since the doors went in, it immediately became the family

room and our heating bills have been dramatically reduced as we all congregate in the kitchen so we don't need to heat the whole house.

The new extension has not only increased the value of the house, it has changed the way we live and this is mainly due to the bifolds creating an open-plan living space connecting the garden to the house. The bifolding doors were a luxurious choice, but a life-style choice I would recommend to everyone."

As you enter the kitchen you can't fail to be taken aback by the vast amount of natural light that fills the room, the chic modern design that now connects the modern living area, plus the seamless link between garden and home. The Dawsons have finally achieved a house that's responsive to their needs and, more importantly, a sense of pride in the intelligent and contemporary design.

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Research by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has found that the average one bedroom flat is the same size as a London Underground tube carriage. While the average home has decreased in size from 1,647 square feet, with four bedrooms in the 1920's, to today's equivalent which has 925 square feet and three bedrooms.

Expert in sliding door hard-

ware Andrew Royle, UK commercial director at P C Henderson, comments; "These statistics certainly indicate that floor space in the home has shrunk however, by being clever with sliding door gear systems can help create desired space, without the costs associated with an extension to the home.

"By using sliding door gear systems floor space is created

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THE BIG GREEN HOME SHOW 2013

Return of Show highlights increasing interest in Eco-living.

With winter round the corner, we will all soon be focused on how best we can save money on household bills and make our homes work more efficiently. Whether you're looking to improve your current home with renewable energy sources or contemplating using sustainable products in a self-build or renovation

project, The Big Green Home Show on 25th-27th October will help to demystify all the jargon and help you decide what's best for you and your home.

Being held at National Self Build and Renovation Centre, conveniently just off the M4 at Junction 16, The Big Green Home Show returns for its fifth year with a packed programme of expert speakers, live demon-

strations, guided tours, real-life experiences and individual, impartial consultations. In addition, specialist panel sessions will discuss the latest products and issues such as grants and funding, and how it could have an impact on your plans.

For those embarking on a self-build, the Centre provides a unique one-stop-shop for advice and inspiration at whatever stage

of your build and with specialist 'eco' products being displayed throughout the Trade Village, such as solar PV panels, insulation or rainwater harvesting, you will be able to closely examine and assess the options available.

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When life gives you lemons...

By Sunniva Davies-Rommetveit

Gary Waller had an urge to leave the hustle and bustle of city life firmly behind him, and jumped at the chance to move out of East London to Stock in Chelmsford, Essex. "I decided to take on a big project like this because I wanted land and a bit of space," he says. However, Gary admits that redeveloping a big plot of land, totaling an impressive 11 acres, was a big challenge. However, his motivation started when he was young, having grown up in a small, post World War II asbestos building. "One of the things that keeps me going is the fear of going back to that sort of lifestyle," he adds.

Gary developed the 3-hold farm on the plot, which is approximately one acre in size. Problems with obtaining planning permission meant that the planning stage was, "quite cumbersome, it took about three months to work through." Having resolved everything on paper, it was time to begin digging. "Once we started the house I got to the more cavalier side of things and built what I knew I'd be allowed to

keep. I was worried that something would go wrong with the planning permission, but I kept on going." The property, called Bishops Farm, was ready over an 18-month timeframe, as Gary explains. "Between the inception of buying the place, the house was ready for habitation within two years. It took about 18 months to build Bishops Farm in the end." Since then, he has been living there happily ever since.

Recalling its grandeur and functionality, Gary explains how the house, which is currently up for sale, is great on so many levels, with a three-bedroom cottage and a granny annex joined to the indoor swimming pool, which then flows through into the adjacent main house. This grandeur also comes with a versatility to suit a number of potential buyers. "It's good for business entertainment, or for a couple that perhaps have older parents who want to live in the cottage. It's good for people who want a babysitter or nanny to stay in the annex and look after their children, and it's great for socialising with friends too," Gary affirms.

There were setbacks during the redevelopment however, especially when trying to gain the necessary planning permission from the local council. Admitting that he fought the council "tooth and nail" to redevelop the plot of land into his dream home, Gary asserts that a big build project is not for the faint-hearted. "I did have a couple of wobbly moments along the way, and times thinking 'what have I done?'"

The advantages of working for himself were immediately noticeable, Gary admits, and not being bound to the office made the building stage go smoothly, despite setbacks. "It was very time-consuming, I couldn't really have done what I did if I'd worked a 9-5 job. The fact that I own a company meant that I was able to pop out at lunchtime to oversee the builders. I have built more houses since then, but this one certainly was a challenge." Gary advises people against biting off more than you can chew, as there are many things that can go wrong when redeveloping a plot of land, and always more time and cost restraints than expected.



ESSEX COUNTRYSIDE DREAM

Spawning from an urge to leave the hustle and bustle of city life behind, Gary Waller tried his hand at self-build in the Essex countryside. As you can see, he was successful



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– Gary Waller

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– Gary Waller

ABOVE: THE EXTERIORS OF THE PROPERTY INCLUDING THE BACK GARDEN

The village of Stock is 500 years old, and the green belt area surrounding it means that it is especially hard to placate everyone involved in building projects, as Gary discovered. "Each place up for development in the green belt zone is very subjective and taken on its own merit," Gary explains. "In some neighbours' cases, they had been denied permission to build, and their attitude was, 'If I can't get permission, why should anyone else be able to?' But you can't think like that in a place as protected as this, sometimes you're not so lucky and other times you are." Having the planning permission to build was one hurdle out of many. For instance, Gary spent £15,000 consulting a town and country planning expert to understand what was

feasible, having had no prior experience of big build projects. This helped him to understand the price and time constraints, as well as to appreciate the considerable challenges ahead.

Deciding to go for a Georgian design, the Wallers gradually began the plot transformation. The interior design was inspired by a mixture of personal taste and happening upon show rooms throughout the planning and building stage. The second master en-suite, however, was bought in Miami after the house had already been built. "We fell in love with the black and white tiling design and decided that, for a change, we'd go for something a bit more different and eclectic." When asked which room is his favourite, Gary immediately replies that

the pool is home to many a fond memory. "We like to watch the rugby in the swimming pool on the flat screen there. We've had a lot of good times in the pool, lots of parties. Then there are the great additions to the house – for example the bars. There is one in the indoor pool, and another in the main house."

The garden was also a challenge to have landscaped, and inspiration came from buying copies of garden magazines and asking garden-fanatic friends for tips. The family now has four gardeners to maintain what was previously wilderness and fields. Gary also made the most of his money by buying products in bulk and at wholesale price. "We bought some box plants that look like small trees at the wholesale price.

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"The highest point was getting written confirmation that all the planning regulations had been adhered to and had gone through."



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Focus on the **end result**, not on the day-to-day trivialities on the building site. Just imagine the place as a finished item

– Gary Waller

BELOW: WASHROOM AREA



THE LOW POINT WAS

"The low point was being worried about whether we'd be able to succeed, having committed the money to the site. Employing the consultant really helped me through that though."

tioned, as there are a few people who, anyone going to do this, would be well-advised to speak to."

Gary also recommends importing products from abroad to get the best possible prices. Working for an international logistics company was advantageous, allowing Gary to, "cut deals and move products in from overseas –things like carpets, ceiling fans and windows."

Originally they were around £400 each, but we had them for £220 each because we bought so many. I think our suppliers should be men-

His expertise, coupled with invaluable advice from his main builder, meant that they were able to keep prices as low as possible. "The builder I was working with became a good friend, I trusted him and he was very good at sourcing materials," Gary explains. "The furniture was imported from the US, as well as certain electrical products, carpets, tiling and the swimming pool pumps. Swimming pool companies in the UK are about four times the price of building a pool in the US, so I shipped them in using my company's containers," he adds.

With 21 years of building experience, Gary emphasises that people who are considering



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Gary's TOP TIP

Look into importing products and materials from abroad to get the best possible prices. Importing costs are not as high as you might imagine, considering the savings.



Project costs

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Overall cost of project: £1.2 million

Value of property now: £4 million

What was the high point of the project?

"The highest point was getting written confirmation that all the planning regulations had been adhered to and had gone through."

The low point was: "The low point was being worried about whether we'd be able to succeed, having committed the money to the site. Employing the consultant really helped me through that though."

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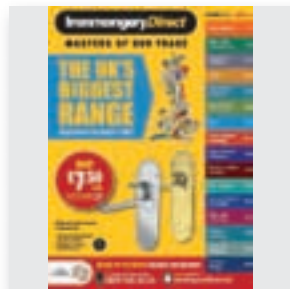
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land development or home renovation should be prepared to spend a good deal more than their estimated budgets. "Get ready to pay as much as 10 or 20 per cent more than expected. There are always changes, product prices may rise, others are imported, so that's driven by the rate of exchange. Certainly budget for everything, but expect an uplift on it." Aside from the monetary, more practical side, Gary urges people in the process of developing to picture the finished product – their dream home. "Focus on the end result, not on the day-to-day trivialities on the building site. Just imagine the place as a finished item, as opposed to

despairing at the hole in the ground in front of you. It's all worth it in the end."

Though there were tough moments, Gary asserts that his happiness in Bishops Farm outweighed everything else. "It's very hard to be fighting a battle with the council, in a recession, while trying to sell your last house, while also trying to run a business and having one or two neighbours constantly complaining." Despite this, Gary would jump at the chance to do it again, and is looking forward to letting others experience Bishops Farm. "It's been a real pleasure to live there for all these years, I've loved it."

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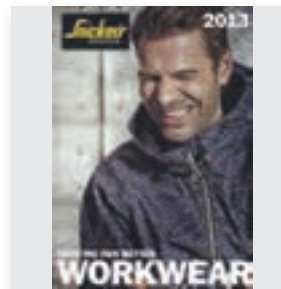


Ironmongery Direct is pleased to announce it will be exhibiting at this year's Grand Designs Live exhibition at the NEC Birmingham, 4-6 October 2013. Visitors to the stand, number B411, can pick up Ironmongery Direct's latest free catalogue, packed with over 900 pages of products, plus exclusive vouchers worth £50. Ironmongery Direct has a huge range of door and window hardware ready for next day delivery, with an extensive choice of styles from classic period styles through to modern and contemporary. The event at the NEC will be packed with over 500 exhibitors, across six different sections.

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Snickers Workwear



What is it that makes Snickers the most popular working clothes among professional tradesmen and women in Europe? Is it the extensive range of different types of garments and accessories? Or is it the broad range of styles, colours and sizes? It's probably the hallmarks that have kept Snickers at the leading edge of workwear innovation for over 30 years – quality, functionality, practicality and style. For those people who want to find out everything about what makes Snickers Workwear the best, this full colour brochure is now available free to discerning professional tradesmen and women. It's a range of working clothes and accessories that graft all year round for you.

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Snickers Workwear



There's one thing that professional tradesmen and women can't do without if they want to get their jobs on-site done properly – healthy hands! They know how difficult it is to work with hands that are chapped and bruised, cut and scratched. Now, there's revolutionary help at hand that are the products of extensive groundwork, research and testing on-sites around Europe – Snickers' new and unique work gloves. Snickers Work Gloves can help you and, while ordinary

poor-fitting gloves can be more of a hindrance than a help, this revolutionary new work gloves range is designed to suit different jobs on-site even down to the finest details in protection, grip and dexterity.

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Home office and conservatories showcase

Combining work and play can often be a daunting idea; finding the perfect balance between a comfortable living space and a personal work area, without creating a second living room can seem like a challenge, but think again...

This month we have a range of office furniture suitable for all your home office needs. From timber outhouses to furniture with a foldaway bed for space saving purposes, Betta Living, Shutters Inc and Oak Designs have a wide range of products to suit your individual home office and conservatory needs.

1. Betta Living's Esprit Home Office range is shown here in White mid-sheen and Nocino finishes. **Prices start from £1,814** (excl. survey and fitting and based on a guide layout)

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2. The clean white finish to **Betta Living's** Brilliance Home Office gives a modern and fresh feel. With deep drawers and large cupboards there is ample storage space for files, stationery and other office supplies. Betta Living's Brilliance Home Office is available from **£1,728** (based on a guide layout).

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3 & 4. Apart from looking great, conservatory shutters offer a degree of flexibility simply not possible with most other shading options. Unlike fabric based shading systems, shutters will not rot, sag or age perceptively and are easy to clean. Plantation Shutters from **Shutters Inc** can be used on the sides as well, for long sections they can be mounted on top tracking to slide



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away when not in use. Shutters are also used for partitioning and as multi fold internal doors. Quite often the opening to the conservatory may have shutters suspended on a top track. The solid base and louvre top shutters are used extensively for these applications.

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5. An oak frame home office either as part of a garaging complex or as a separate building in your garden, gives you the freedom from commuting, saving you time and money and with the added bonus of increasing the value of your property. If your proposed building is under 30 sq m and at least one metre from an adjacent

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Uniform Architectural



Following some 25 years of successful business in Italy and mainland Europe, the composite window specialist Uniform has set up a UK subsidiary Uniform Architectural Ltd in Bristol. The Uniform Architectural Ltd parent company Uniform SpA based in Verona, Italy is a £100 million turnover manufacturer of top quality composite windows. Its range has a much wider range of options than others offer, particularly with regard to the varieties of wood available such as oak, cherry and larch. Nearly half of its 45,000m² premises in Verona is devoted to manufacturing, the company employing 400 people worldwide. Uniform also manufactures high specification curtain walling and brise soleil.

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Garador



Garador has driven down the price of its up and over doors by as much as 40 per cent on selected models. The company recently completed a series of factory upgrades resulting in a much more efficient manufacturing process, and is delighted to be passing these savings on to customers. The 1,600 m² sq extension of Garador's production plant in Yeovil, makes the factory the most modern of its kind in Europe. The investment has provided valuable additional capacity and will help the company to continue providing customers with high-quality, reliable garage doors and mechanisms at an affordable cost.

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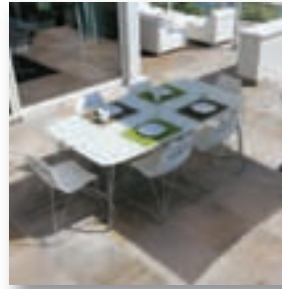
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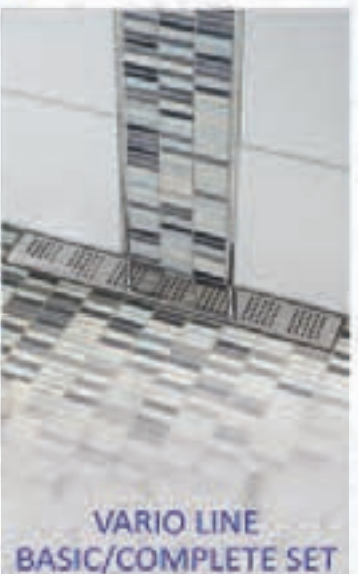
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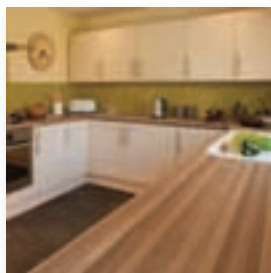


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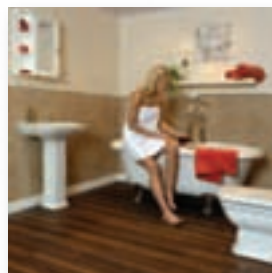
The **Dural** linear shower drainage system range includes the THLINE and the ultra flat BASIC-LINE. The THLINE is installed right alongside the wall for a flush, floor-level shower. This means that there are no details to spoil the overall impression of a level floor and no trip hazards when taking a shower. Installing the drainage channel alongside the wall means the shower floor only needs to have a gradient in one direction meaning there is no need for complex diagonal cuts on tiled or natural stone floors. THLINE consists solely of four components and can be combined to fit any situation. With a variety of sizes, models, covers and drain fittings it can be tailored to the customer's wishes. Large quantities of water can flow away quickly – and all to one side.

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Axiom® by **Formica Group** is a stunning range of worktops, upstands and splashbacks featuring unique designs, partnered with premium surface finishes. Axiom® worktops and accessories allow your dream kitchen to become a reality. All decors in the Axiom® range are available as worktops, breakfast bars and matching upstands. In response to market demand; Axiom® by Formica Group has launched a 3m range in September 2013. A selection of popular Axiom® decors are now available in 3m length, such as Avalon Granite Black, Brushed Concrete and Sherwood Oak in Matte 58; Black Fleck and Sicilian Granite in Crystal and Everest, Jamocha Granite and Serene in Gloss. All Axiom® worktops are manufactured in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham.

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Slash your bathroom refurb budget! When budgeting for a new bathroom, it is easy to be distracted by the cost of a new suite or digital shower, and forget about the labour. BIG mistake! Fitting costs add £'000's to the cost of a new bathroom. multiPANEL waterproof wall panels and twinFLOOR floating vinyl flooring are far quicker to install than traditional wall or floor coverings, and eliminate the possibility of insightfully mould and the need for re-grouting. Visit **Grant Westfield** at Stand F80 at the National Home Improvement Show at London, Olympia, 27-29 Sept for a demo, or visit the website.

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Kitchen specialist, **Kit Stone**, creates bespoke-style kitchens without a designer price tag!

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Kit Stone's shaker-style kitchen, the Suffolk epitomises understated elegance with its clean lines and modern feel.

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Abode



The Abode Matrix GR10 sinks offer designers a unique flexibility – under-mounted with the tap deck exposed, covered or fully inset into the worktop from above. Matrix GR10 sinks are manufactured from advanced acrylic materials – the black material has a metallic granite fleck, adding additional sparkle. The bright white granite sink offers a tough durable and easy clean finish that will co-ordinate perfectly with any kitchen décor. The classically designed Matrix GR10 comes

complete with the unique Abode Orbit waste fittings, overflow, fixing and pipework kits, as standard.

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Beko



Beko is once again spearheading category innovation with the launch of its new three door fridge freezer model, extending its flexible 'multizone' technology into the 60cm category. In addition to being a standard fridge freezer, the middle door on the appliance cleverly houses a 'multizone' compartment, which allows householders to easily change the temperature between a fridge, freezer, chiller or wine cooler with the simple touch of a button. 'Multizone' technology

provides them maximum flexibility, switching from a fridge to a freezer depending on their requirements.

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Amica



Amica has added a new range of freestanding dishwashers to its line-up of feature-rich home appliances. The new Amica ZMW646BE/WVE 60cm dishwashers are available in a choice of white or black and are A++AA rated for energy, wash and drying performance. Features also include: 14 place settings, start delay up to 24 hours, zone-wash function, six wash programmes, five different temperature selections and the important safety child lock. The new dishwashers consume just 0,93kWh/24 hours on a normal 50°C cycle and use an average of 11 litres of water during the same.

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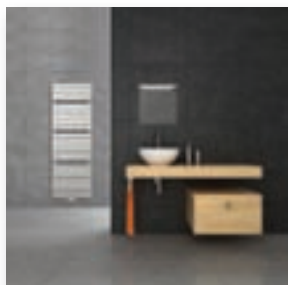
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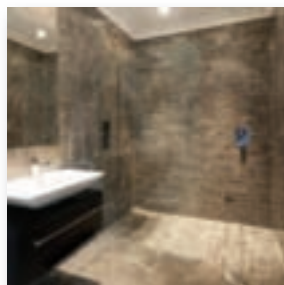
Stelrad Radiators has unveiled two stunning additions to its collection of towel rails. Available now from Stelrad Radiator stockists around the country are the Caliente and Concord towel rails, both high quality exquisite radiators in their own right but now part of the ranges that bear their name. The Caliente was launched at EcoBuild 2012, named in a competition by a customer visiting the show and entering a competition on the Stelrad stand. While the products come as standard in

white, both new products are available in a range of 35 colours making matching and contrasting to colour schemes an exciting additional option.

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CCL Wetrooms



CCL Wetrooms has just launched a unique Modular Wet-Floor System, allowing any size or shape of wetroom to be quickly and easily created on a timber floor. The key to the system is its design flexibility, allowing a stunning linear drain to be situated in almost any position. The Modular Wet-Floor system is a totally unique concept in wetroom technology, consisting of only three elements: drainage component, tapered board, floor or wall grill. Thanks to the flexible nature of these

components, almost any size of wetroom can be achieved. The components can be trimmed or butted together to create a larger wetroom area.

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Ellis Furniture



New Reflection Gloss White features a 22mm lacquered handle-less door and is available across the entire fitted and modular cabinet offer. Shown here, Reflection Gloss White features plenty of on trend curve appeal. A white carcass rather than a contrasting carcass and a solid surface worktop are recommended if choosing the curved end panel finish. The fitted WC and basin unit perfectly complement the large modular unit to the right of the image. All providing plenty of essential, stylish storage space. The curved corner mirror with 18mm backboard and 4mm unbevelled glass can be hung vertically or horizontally.

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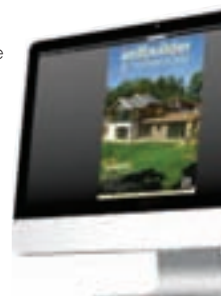
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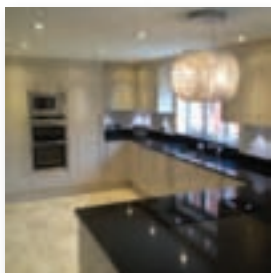
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Terence Ball Kitchens, a British manufacturer, is displaying its popular French Grey Painted shaker style kitchen on stand K703 in the kitchens section of Grand Designs Live. A 1,000mm wide Chef's Pantry will form part of the display, together with the revolutionary Pitt cooking system and the latest deep drawers/storage solutions. Over 150 kitchen and open plan living ranges are available from the British family owned and run company that designs, manufactures and installs bespoke products throughout the UK. A Free design and quotation service is available on receipt of room dimensions and a "wish list" from clients.

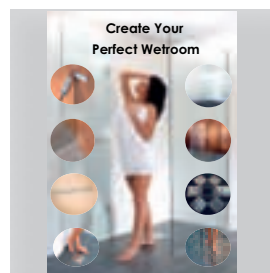
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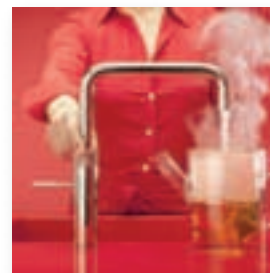
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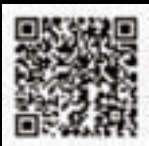
The latest trend in bathroom design is the wetroom. With today's hectic lifestyle more and more people are looking for opportunities to relax and unwind within the comfort of their own homes. Investment in the styling of a bathroom is a popular idea for homeowners making their own private hide away, a style statement. Demand is often driven by women who love the open, fresh, minimal, glossy ambience of a wetroom, which adds value to the home as well as making a stunning focal point. **Wetroom Innovations** offers a huge range of cutting-edge products now with a life-of-tiling warranty. Wetrooms are increasingly popular, with huge latent demand pending the end of the recession. The Wetroom trend continually influences contemporary bathroom design.

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Quooker, the UK's only dedicated 100°C boiling water tap inventor, has launched the stunning new Nordic, a dedicated boiling water tap, available exclusively through Quooker's kitchen dealer network. The Nordic comes in two models, the Nordic square and the Nordic round, each of which is available in either chrome or brushed chrome finish. The new Nordic is packed with Quooker innovations. Each Quooker tap has full height adjustment and 360 degree rotation with both a push-and turn safety handle and a visual signal; a bright LED ring lights up when the tap is touched. Grooves on the handle provide a tactile alert and give extra grip.

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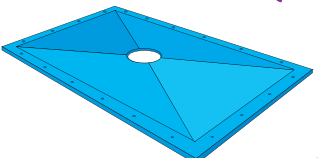
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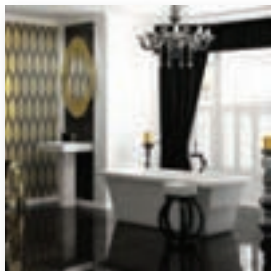
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The launch collection includes 11 designs, now available across its 21 stores and nationwide via its in home design consultation service. To view the collection visit the website for more information.

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AQATA, the UK shower enclosure manufacturer renowned for quality, design and unrivalled customer service, has issued its 'Complete Collection' brochure. Brimming with stunning shower enclosures, showers and accessories, the 208 page brochure provides inspiration along with comprehensive product information and prices, to make choosing the perfect shower solution a simple and enjoyable process. The brochure incorporates Aqata's complete product portfolio including products launched during the last year, around a dozen of which are new additions to the Spectra range. This contemporary, frameless collection of shower enclosures, walk-ins and bath screens is the fastest-growing range within Aqata's portfolio and is set to expand further.

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Eco ICID has easy to install twist lock connections and is available in diameters 125mm, 150mm, 180mm and 200mm.

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2 LANDYVENT

The Eccostove is an innovative new concept in woodburning technology using silicon carbide to create energy efficient wood combustion providing whole home heating without plumbing. Eccostove has an 85.3 per cent efficiency rating and still emits 25 per cent of stored heat up to 12 hours after firing (dependant on model). There are four models in the range that will heat anything from a two bedroom property, right through to a five bedroom property, provided doors around the home are left open.

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3 JETMASTER

The UK's most efficient inset stove (18i: see HETAS Guide 2013) just became a freestanding stove! The new 18q is a powerful wood and multi-fuel convector stove, styled with a minimal clean line design. All the same 18i features are there: 4.9 kW output, 85 per cent efficient, wood & multi-fuel; Defra approved for wood. The 18q warms your room in two ways: heat radiates directly through the glass as well as convection air projected from around the firebox.

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In this issue of Selfbuilder & Homemaker we look at recent trends in fireplaces to heat your home.

4 JARABOSKY
Jarabosky uses reclaimed oak and jarrah timber, primarily redundant hardwood railway sleepers. The company has been at the forefront of this type of recycling for 25 years. The Oak or Jarrah used to make each and every fire surround is hand picked to its customer requirements from its large range of reclaimed railway sleepers. Why not go for modern chunky designs with clean lines or lots of character, these add a sensational feature to any room or choose quite a simple design thats very effective.

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6 DUNSLEY
Clean & clear: Enviro-burn clean combustion with tertiary and airwash air supply means a clear view of the flames. With all the best parts of the Highlander 5 the new Slimline has been developed to fit where space is paramount. It is 28 per cent thinner than the standard Highlander 5 being only 230mm wide. Even with the reduced depth, it can still take large logs up to 280mm long. The outputs are stunning and efficiencies are equal to the standard Highlander 5. The Slimline is available as a single door Solo giving uninterrupted views of the fire area.

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5 EUROSTOVE
The new Westfire Uniq 33 wood burning stove from Eurostove is a handsome and sleek design that sits above floor level to give a warm visual aspect of the fire and also project the heat more efficiently into the central airspace of the room. Eurostove say that it's important to choose the positioning of the Uniq 33 to create a focal point and also appreciate the glass side panels with dark glass at the base and clear glass at the top so the flames and illumination can be seen from three aspects.

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2 BESPOKE FIREPLACE DESIGNS

BALANCEDFLUEFIREPLACES.CO.UK is a new website launched by Bespoke Fireplace Designs, dedicated exclusively to their range of high efficiency, high output Trimline balanced flue fires. The new website allows you to scroll through the entire Trimline range effortlessly, with links to the various configurations and optional extras. Detailed dimensional sketches and videos allow you to choose the ideal fireplace for your living area, or for further information on the extensive range please do not hesitate to contact Bespoke Fireplace Designs.

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3 ARADA

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2 STOVAX

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Taking care of your chimney liner

The latest in the series of technical tips from the experts at Specflue focuses on the traditional and important theme of the "safe and sound" maintenance of chimney liners and for easy reading is set out as a succinct set of key points:

Life expectancy and warranties

Considering the flue has been correctly installed, it should last the life time of the appliance; which is usually 10-12 years. The conditions of the warranty are taking into consideration the liner has been installed by a competent person, correctly sized and that the flue is properly maintained by only burning the correct approved fuels.

Appliance operation

Do not allow the appliance to slumber overnight, it is recommended to run the appliance at a controlled high fire temperature within each firing for at least 30mins as recommended by manufacturer. Using a thermometer will allow you to monitor flue gas temperatures. It's been proven that slumbering of the appliance is a contributing factor to liner failure.

Fuels

All stoves are used to burn different fuels; make



sure you're only burning the fuels recommended by the stove manufacture/HETAS. Wood-burning produces traces of tarry matter and soot up the inside of the chimney, this can all be reduced by burning well seasoned air-dried wood. Burning 'green' or 'wet' wood is one of the biggest causes of chimney fires.

Warning

Carbon Monoxide has no smell therefore it's considered a silent killer, Carbon Monoxide is

usually emitted from a faulty appliance, blocked chimney or burning incorrect fuels. The chimney should be inspected at least once a year to confirm all components and construction materials are in good condition.

Maintenance

Employ a qualified chimney sweep who will provide a certificate of sweeping instead of using chemical cleaning products. Solid fuel appliances should be swept twice a year. Ideally this process should occur during the middle of the heating season and the end of the season.

Ventilation

Ventilation is required into the room containing the appliance to ensure the combustion is good and to enable correct and efficient working of the appliance and chimney.

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Euroheat

Wood burning stoves provide a stylish and sustainable way to keep a home warm, and some are covered by the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). Biomass solutions provider, Euroheat, has a range of stoves to suit any style of property. Its revolutionary Rika Evo Aqua is one of few stoves that meets the RHI's product criteria, providing room heating and back boiler capabilities.

Other stoves in Euroheat's range, include:

- EFEL: Euroheat's cast-iron offering, which was upgraded last year so it's easier to use with one lever to control both air and fuel.
- IQ: Euroheat's smart range of inserts, perfect for the modern home.
- Wiking: Euroheat's most cost-effective stove range, providing a high-quality, contemporary stove at a low price. New for Winter 2013, all Wiking stoves now feature the patented Autopilot system.
- Rika does dual fuel: Rika's Induo stove offers dual fuel capabilities, perfect for people who want the relaxing, warming feel of a wood stove, yet with the practicality and controllability of wood pellets. Efficiency is key with all of Euroheat's stoves, which reach levels of up to 90 per cent, comparable with SEDBUK A rated boilers and a significant improvement on an open-fire, which peaks at around 40 per cent. RHI aside, in a well-insulated open-plan home, a modern biomass stove can make a real contribution to heating requirements; allowing thermostats to be kept low, thus saving on fuel bills.

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Anglia Fireplaces

An innovative and stylish new range of eco-friendly pellet stoves from Italy has launched in the UK. Eva Calòr offers elegantly designed stoves which are economical and efficient to run, as well as being clean and easy to use.

The range is being offered exclusively by Anglia Fireplaces, one of the UK's largest fire retailers and distributors well known for sourcing the most innovative and environmentally-friendly stoves with outstanding efficiency rates.

Priced from £2,000, there are 39 stoves in the Eva Calòr range, including stunning inset fires to slim and stylish stoves which sit flush against a wall.

There is a wide selection of colours to choose from, including rustic red, black, ivory, rustic amber, honey, cream and aluminium.

All the stoves include a fully programmable electronic control panel. With a yield of over 90 per cent and typical output ranging from 4-27 kW, users can regulate the stoves to come on at set times of the day. There is also a manually recharged mechanical system to ensure that the stoves will automatically stop in case of extreme temperatures.

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How secure is your garage?

Choosing a garage door for a self-build project can be a daunting challenge. To help you make the right decision, garage door manufacturer Hörmann, offers advice on the options available

When it comes to self-build projects, garage doors tend to be one of the last items to be considered. However, a garage door can represent a significant portion of a home's frontage and with the vast range of alternatives available today, it is worth taking some time to fully consider the options and how they can add real value and appeal to your self-build project. While the obvious purpose for a garage is to provide secure parking for cars, they can be an important addition to any home by providing storage for any number of other valuable items such as bicycles, garden furniture and tools among many other things. It is therefore paramount that a garage door can offer maximum security.

As well as security, thermal insulation and appearance are other important considerations. There are a seemingly unlimited choice of finishes available to help create a desired look, alongside this there is also the option to have matching or complementary garage and entrance door combinations to create a co-ordinated look across the whole façade.

However, the first matter is choosing the type of door, as this will have a strong bearing on the designs available to you. The choices

extend from truly bespoke automatic doors to the entry-level option of steel up-and-over doors.

Traditional up-and-over style doors are the least expensive option; however the levels of security and insulation are lower than with other styles. Up-and-over doors commonly come in two types; the canopy and the retractable. The canopy is so called since approximately one third of the door sticks out from the garage once opened, creating a canopy. A retractable door costs slightly more but slides completely into the garage on tracks suspended from the ceiling and is more reliable in the long run. However, you need to consider how the tracks could restrict access to internal doors and power supplies etc...

If good insulation and maximised security are a high priority, then a sectional garage door may be more suitable, some of which have Police approved, Secured by Design accreditation. These doors are space saving since they only require a minimum amount of interior space and also allow the door to be opened even if a car is parked right up to it. Sectional garage doors open vertically and rise in to tracks inside the garage, so do need some interior space

A garage door can represent a significant portion of a home's frontage so it is worth taking some time to consider the options

albeit at ceiling height. This style of door is the only truly insulated option, so is ideal for integral garages.

For projects where interior space is limited a roller door may present the best option. In essence, roller doors wind around a central drum (hence the name), because of this, as with sectional doors, they can be opened even with a car parked in front of them. The only interior space required is for accommodating the roller barrel. Note when you are looking at your



Take your time and seek expert advice – write down what you need your garage door to do and ask a specialist for the options that they offer

options to ensure that a casing to cover the roller barrel is quoted for as not all manufacturers include this as standard.

A further option is a side sliding door, which is suitable for use where headroom is limited or for projects wishing to make a style statement. Traditionally these doors have either been adapted industrial doors or expensive tailor-made options, now though modern versions are readily available in stylish designs and are far more smooth and quiet when in motion than traditional models.

How you intend to use your garage should have the greatest bearing on the type of door that you choose. For instance, if you have direct, internal access to the garage from the house sectional doors offers the best insulation and security options. If the garage is remote from the house and has no power, manual up-and-over doors may be more suited for your project.

When it comes to styling there are even more choices to make. Doors can be finished in steel, glass reinforced polyester (GRP), timber, or with some bespoke options, the material of your

choice. All manufacturers offer an extensive choice of finishes and styles but for some this is just not enough. Specialist companies offer unique solutions and the opportunity to create your own unique finish.

Take your time and seek expert advice – write down what you need your garage door to do and ask a specialist for the options that they offer. If possible go and have a look at some doors in a showroom, you could be surprised at what you can afford and how much of a difference it can make to your self-build project.

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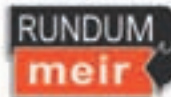
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Somewhere over the rainbow

Justin Davies, general manager for The Window Store explains the jargon behind window and door energy ratings and asks whether triple glazing should be a genuine consideration when looking at glazing options

Know your ratings!

August saw the number of signed Green Deal plans rise to 132, up from 36 the previous month. Energy minister, Greg Barker said that the figures showed "genuine consumer interest" in the scheme. So with energy bills creeping ever higher with no end in sight, and a hint towards higher council tax and stamp duty for those living in inefficient and leaky homes, there's no escaping the pressure to make our homes more energy efficient.

Glass and glazing plays a vital role in the efficiency of a property – from windows and doors to conservatories and glass extensions. Many

people will be au fait with the sliding 'rainbow' scale more commonly associated with household appliances. Stating the energy efficiency rating of a product, with the dark green coloured band being A (the best rating) down to dark red, G (the lowest rating and therefore the least energy efficient), what many people don't realise is that this rating is also applicable to both windows and doors.

There are a number of factors to look out for when establishing the environmental performance of a door or window – the energy index and the u-value; these combine with air leakage and in some instances, solar factor, to give

either a window energy rating (WER) or a doorset energy rating (DSER). Remember these ratings relate to the whole unit not just one individual component.

U-values

To understand DSERs and WERs, people must first get to grips with U-values. A U-value is an independently verified measure of heat transfer through a building element, in this instance a door or a window. The lower the U-value the better the material/product performs as a heat insulator, less energy is lost, and the more efficient and economical the unit.

Energy index

The Energy Index ($\text{kWh}/\text{m}^2/\text{year}$) is one of the most important values, as it sets out the amount of energy lost or gained by a window. The value is displayed in terms of kilowatt-hours per square metre of glazing per year. Energy lost is displayed as a negative figure, and energy gained by a positive number. So the higher the number, the greater the energy conserved – and the more money saved on energy bills.

Improved rating with Low E

Significant proportions of glazing can have a dramatic impact on the energy and thermal efficiencies of a property; even something as simple as an entrance door with between 5 per cent and 20 per cent glass. One solution is to install Low E glass instead of standard glazing. Low Emissivity glass, Low E for short, is a more energy efficient glazing alternative. It dramatically reduces heat transfer and reflects interior heat back into a room. Low E glass is also recommended for properties that are north or east facing as a greater proportion of heat loss would be expected.

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Triple decker

Triple glazed windows can achieve a U-value of 0.8W/m²K or less and can reduce heat loss by nearly a third more than existing double glazing. Already a popular choice in colder climates like the Sweden and Norway, triple glazing is slowly starting to build momentum in the UK. There are two key factors that could cause interest to be piqued this side of the North Sea – the change in the UK's weather with more extreme, erratic bouts of rainfall, snow and sun, and the continued rise in energy costs.

Exceeding the current 'A' WER, triple glazing achieves 0.8 U-value, well ahead of the equivalent typical double glazed option of 1.5 for an A rated window. This means for the average

homeowner the thermal insulation of triple glazing is currently unrivalled.

Steamy windows

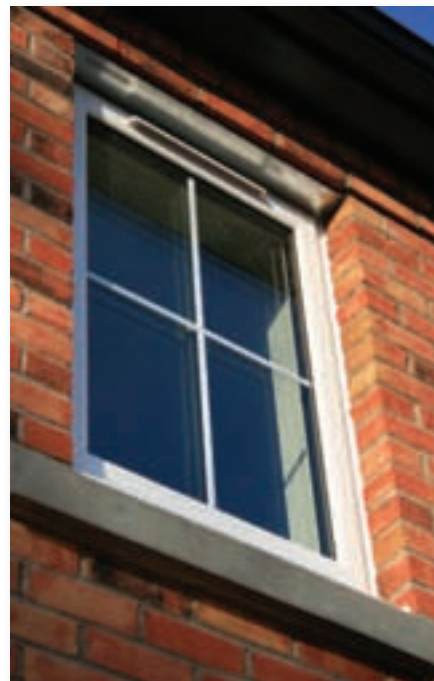
Insulation is currently the easy-win of energy efficiency but by wrapping buildings in insulation and not upgrading the windows to a similar thermal efficiency it is essentially turning the windows into cold spots. At night these cold spots draw heat out of the room and off the residents causing condensation to run down the glass unit. So for an insulated property to perform to its full potential, the thermal performances of the glazing and window frame have to be of a similar standard.

Everyone needs good neighbours

As well as its thermal properties, triple glazing is also known for its sound reduction. The additional pane of glass, combined with the argon gas filling work to boost the acoustic performance of the window, reducing the amount of sound leaking into the property. This is ideal for those living close to roads, railways or in busy locations.

Glass trends

It's hard to watch a home improvement or renovation programme without someone including a glass 'structure' to link the old and the new, or removing the rear face of the existing property or extension and popping in a glazed wall.



With these expanses of glass the thermal performance of the building could potentially be reduced, while also having a detrimental impact on security. Triple glazing would not only offer insulation benefits but the additional pane of glass also gives added security against glass break-ins.

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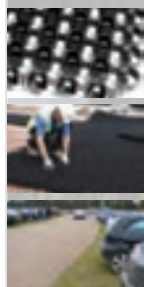
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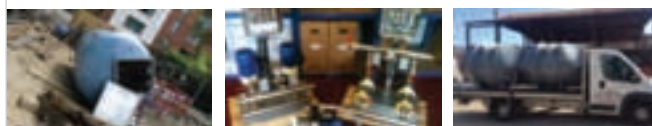


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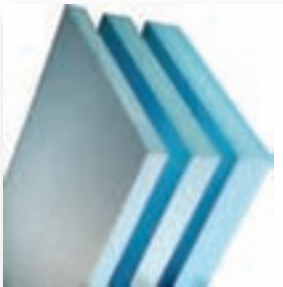
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A desire by homeowners to reduce their fuel bills and make their homes more energy efficient has led to an increase in demand for Styroloft loft boards from Panel Systems. According to the Energy Saving Trust, nearly a quarter of the heat generated within an un-insulated home is lost through the roof. Adding loft insulation is one of the most effective ways of reducing this heat loss. Styroloft is manufactured from birch plywood bonded to both faces of Styrofoam extruded polystyrene insulation. It is available in thicknesses ranging from 18mm to 115mm and at 50mm it provides 15 times greater energy efficiency than standard 18mm chipboard.

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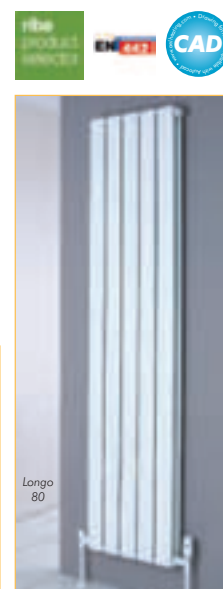
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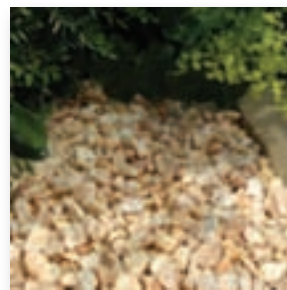
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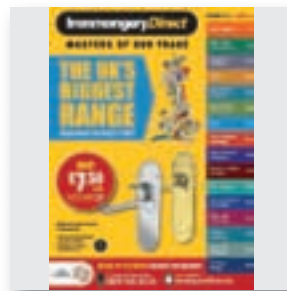
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Visit The National Home Improvement Show and upgrade the framework of your life

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experts, no matter the size, scale or stage of your project. Exhibitors will be showcasing their latest products for kitchen and bedroom renovation inspiration through to companies offering to build your home from scratch.

Take your plans to the Ask the Architect area led by self-build design expert, Hugo Tugman, and his company Tugman Architects & Designers. This distinguished team's knowledge of space, structure, lights, materials and texture will ensure that visitors are provided with a bespoke design to fit their individual lifestyle.

This year, the new sponsor of the Interiors and Decorating area is internationally renowned paint brand, Dulux and this company will be hosting an Interior Design Clinic. From urban minimalist living spaces to shabby chic bedrooms, visitors will find a plethora of design hints and tips. Head over for advice on colour schemes, furnishings, lighting and flooring ideas.

If you are keen to go green, The National Home Improvement Show provides visitors with an abundance of information on how to reduce your bills and implement eco savvy products. Oliver Heath, energy saving and renewables expert, will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice on how to create an eco home that is beautiful, healthy, nurturing and an efficient space to live in.

For an in depth consultation, head along to the Ask the Experts area where you can talk directly and individually with one of the 10 dedicated leading home improvement experts. Have all your queries answered in a free 15 minute session and discuss concepts for your home restorations with those in the know equipped with years of first hand experience. This year, the panel of prestigious experts includes: Michael Holmes (Real Homes editor in chief, formerly presenter of 'I Own Britain's Best Home'); Oliver Heath (eco interiors and architecture expert in BBC's Changing Rooms); Julia Kendell (DIY SOS and ITV1's Daybreak); Matt James (Designer and expert on ITV's Love Your Garden); Roger Hunt (renovation expert and co-author of Old House Handbook); Chris Reeves (solicitor specialising in building

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The UK's fastest growing home improvement event, The National Home Improvement Show, is returning to Olympia, London from 27-29 September 2013 proudly sponsored by Anglian Home Improvements. The event brings together over 300 exhibitors from across the UK offering unparalleled advice and innovative property enhancing solutions for the serious home improver.

Leading property and renovation experts from Real Homes Magazine such as Michael Holmes, editor-in-chief; Julia Kendell, interior designer; and Oliver Heath, eco and architectural expert, will be on hand to guide and inspire visitors through their home renovation projects with seminars, masterclasses and one-to-one consultations taking place each day at the show. New features for 2013 include the Self-Build zone and the Ask the Architects advice clinic designed to kick start your home improvements.

For the first time, the show will host a Self-Build Zone. Whether you're about to embark on building your own house, remodel your existing property or undertake a major extension, soak up specialist knowledge and DIY tips from Homebuilding and Renovating magazine

contracts and disputes); Jennifer Newton (Jennifer writes consumer finance and property advice features for Real Homes) and Douglas Kent (Expert in period properties, renovations and home improvements).

Undertaking some of the smaller projects yourself is a great way to reduce costs. Stop by the Tricks of the Trade area to soak up DIY doctor Mike Edward's useful tips and get stuck in to save money on your household projects. Mike will be conducting live demonstrations each day at the show, sharing his home-improvement insider secrets to help get you started.

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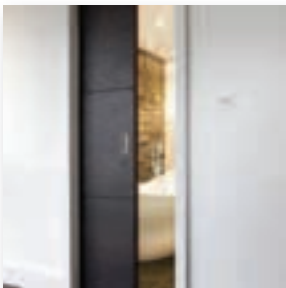
Get motivated by the two Real Homes LIVE! Theatres offering daily in-depth seminars. The experts from Real Homes Magazine and special guests including Julia Kendell and Oliver Heath will be sharing their secrets of successful home improvement projects so you too can make the most of your home. With top tips on adding space and value, energy saving, interiors and gardens, the in-depth sessions will truly inspire.

In addition, free daily seminars and master-classes will be conducted addressing specific problems such as building regulations, planning permission, permitted development rights. The experts will also cover plans for internal decor and eco efficient facilities to enable your projects to run smoothly from start to finish.



For more information on the show, exhibitors, seminar schedules and tickets visit www.improveyourhomeshow.co.uk or call the ticket hotline on 0844 581 0802
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For more information on the Hultafors' Mini Wrecking Bar, call the Helpline or download a digital brochure from the website.

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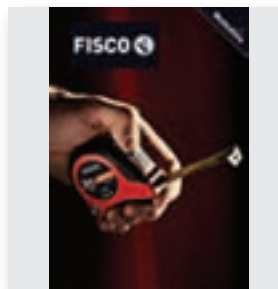
FEIN is introducing 20 new variants of drill/drivers, combi drills and impact machines to its range of cordless tools. The addition coincides with the company expanding its battery platform program, based on batteries with capacities of 4 Ah and 2 Ah with SafetyCell Technology, in 18 V and 14.4 V. FEIN is now offering a wide range of cordless tools for drilling, screwdriving, metalworking, glass removal and oscillating including the FEIN MultiMaster. FEIN has used its

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How to sample a **clay roof tile**

John Alderman from Traditional Clay Roof Tiles Ltd has some top tips on how to sample a clay roof tile to get the best results

Many a time a mistake has been made where people will select a roof tile to go on their house after failing to follow the correct sampling procedure.

For example, you may be sent a one tile sample in the post where you then make a decision looking at this one tile inside your home or you have gone to your local builders merchants and selected a tile from their in house display.

Your roof is an important decision as this is a very large percentage of the buildings external material.

You can change the paint color or a floor finish or even a bathroom at a reasonable cost but to change your roof is very expensive.

So here's a guide on how to choose a clay roof tile correctly. This process should be carried out preferably as works starts on your site.

Always ask the manufacturer where the clay for the tiles has been extracted from. If it's from a country that has cold winters it should be fine but clay from a country with a warmer climate all year round may not withstand the English weather.

Always ensure your choice of roof tiles hold the Ceram certification for Frost and Impermeability.

Make sure you ask what guarantee the manufacturer offers. Choosing a roof tile with a long guarantee will give you peace of mind and confidence in your choice of tile.



Step one

Order your samples through our local distributor.

Step two

Set the tiles out on a old wooden pallet or if you don't have a pallet on the ground as detailed below.

Step three

Now leave your tiles in this position for as long as possible. It is important to let the weather get to them as a clay tile has been fired at over 1,000 degrees heat and know no different. When the elements of the weather start to hit them they will start to mature and change colour, bringing out the natural colour of the clay.

Step four

Keep walking past them, looking at them and eventually you will always be drawn to one of the colours, a bit like paint samples on a wall in the house. This may sound surprising but this will happen.

Step five

When your brickwork is up to 4/5ft this is the time to make your decision on the colour you have selected. Call the manufacturer and ask them for some more samples. Then place the pallet against the brickwork that is being constructed and lay the tiles onto the pallet, this then gives you a good idea how the tiles will look against your brickwork when completed.

Step six

Let this sit there again for a few more weeks and then hopefully its decision made and the order can be placed in time for the roofer to fix the tiles.

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Simply SIPs

Tony Millichap, technical manager, Kingspan Insulation Limited discusses the reasons for choosing SIPs

Many people dream of building their own home and, whether it is to be a futuristic timber clad construction or a traditional looking brick faced house, the one thing that they all share is the desire for shelter and space, comfort and aesthetics, an individual lifestyle under their very own roof. Structural Insulated Panels, or SIPs, offer a versatile and sustainable method of building a highly energy efficient home that can meet all of these requirements, in a matter of weeks.

SIPs have been used for decades in North America, and are becoming increasingly popular in the UK as a proven way of constructing very airtight and thermally efficient buildings, both for housing and non-domestic projects. SIPs can offer a number of clear benefits over more traditional methods of construction, including speed of installation, high levels of energy efficiency, airtightness and reduced waste. Add to that the flexibility to have pretty much any kind of finish to the exterior, and SIPs look like the ideal product for any self-builder to consider.

What exactly are SIPs?

An example of a typical SIP construction would be two 15 mm OSB3 (Oriented Strand Board) facings with a 112 mm rigid urethane insulation core, providing a thermally efficient, structurally strong, rigid panel. The panels are factory cut to the design of the building, ready to slot together like a giant 3D jigsaw puzzle using special jointing systems that provide very high levels of airtightness.

Installation

Because the panels are pre-cut ready to assemble there is very little onsite waste, the risk of defects is greatly reduced, and installation is extremely simple. Panels can be 1.22 m wide by up to 7.45 m tall, and the single fix installation format reduces construction time, and is less labour intensive. A quality weatherproof envelope can be constructed in considerably less time than if using some traditional methods of construction such as brick and blockwork, and

tasks such as drylining the walls can be carried out at the same time as finishing the roof. Follow on trades also start sooner and can be programmed in without risk of delay, making project completion times more reliable and keeping costs down.

Thermal performance

One of the most important aspects of any home is its thermal performance. SIPs can provide a whole wall U-value no worse than 0.21 W/m².K, and U-values of 0.10 W/m².K or better can easily be achieved with the addition of an insulated lining.

Finished constructions can produce air-leakage rates as low as 1 m³/hour/m² at 50 Pa, keeping the warm air in and cold air out. SIPs can also help to avoid problems which may be associated with other common construction techniques such as air-leakage through poorly sealed sockets or switches, at floor zones through masonry cavity walls, under skirting



SIPs can offer a number of clear benefits over more traditional methods of construction, including speed of installation, **high levels of energy efficiency**, airtightness and reduced waste



boards and through poorly sealed loft hatches and top storey ceiling light fittings.

As well as providing an effective air seal, the jointing arrangements in SIPs mean that the insulation layer is typically interrupted by less repeating studwork than in a timber frame, greatly reducing repeating thermal bridging. For example, in a property constructed with traditional timber frame, the repeating thermal bridges caused by timber studs in the walls and rafters in the roof, means that you could typically expect 15 per cent of the walls and 6 per cent

of the roof to be uninsulated. By comparison, in a property constructed with SIPs, as little as 4 per cent of the walls and 1 per cent of the roof may be uninsulated.

These very high levels of performance mean that the size of any heating systems can be greatly reduced, keeping both capital and running costs down. By cutting energy demand with a 'fabric first approach' SIPs also greatly reduce dependency on expensive renewable technologies, and lend themselves easily to achieving the levels of performance needed to meet the Passivhaus standard, which requires almost zero heating.

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Because the buildings can be so airtight, good, controlled ventilation is an essential part of the design. By introducing MVHR (Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery), the energy savings can be further enhanced, as heat recovered from the old air being expelled is used to warm the incoming airflow.

Space saver

Where space is at a premium, the highly efficient integral insulation helps to make the most of the available footprint, keeping wall constructions much thinner than traditional methods such as brick and block, without loss of strength or thermal performance. Using SIPs for the whole construction also generates an intrinsic warm roof space, which can easily be designed as

Building with SIPs can help to make sure that projects are kept on track and the '**dream home**' is realised

an additional room, or to provide a safe, dry storage area.

Aesthetics

SIPs can provide all of the structure and the performance that could be required for the building envelope. All that remains then is to complete with whatever finish is desired, whether that is brick, render, timber, stone, tile or metal. The design possibilities are wide and varied.

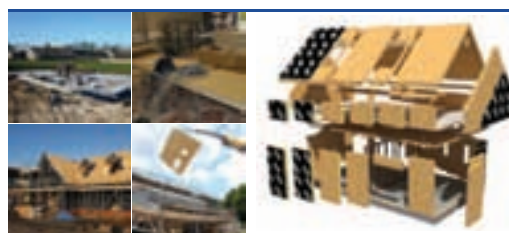
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Building your own home can be an exciting prospect. Building with SIPs can help to make sure that projects are kept on track, that the finished building meets the designed performance, and that the 'dream home' is realised, with the added bonus of minimal heating bills.

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As well as the bi-monthly magazine, Selfbuilder & Homemaker have an increasingly popular online profile to help keep you up to date with all of the latest products, innovations, inspirational ideas and projects. Newly launched is the Selfbuilder & Homemaker Pinterest page; a one stop source of inspiration. Pinterest allows you to browse pinboards, discover new things and get inspiration from people who share your interests, as well as create your own boards so you can organise and share all the beautiful things you find on the web. Subscribing to our Selfbuilder & Homemaker Facebook and Twitter pages enables you to easily keep track of all of the latest products, innovations and inspirational ideas and projects.

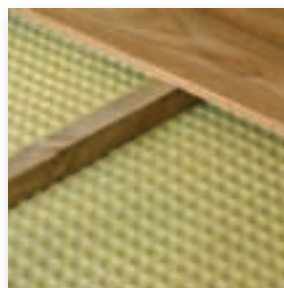
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Back to our roots

The Stone Federation delves into the history of using stonework and masonry within building structures



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The crafts of stonework & masonry are some of the earliest trades in civilisations' history and have always played a well-respected part within the natural stone industry. Some of our planet's most impressive structures are stone monuments dating back many hundreds of years. It is the skilled work of expert craftsman, combined with a naturally durable material that means we can still enjoy these monuments today.

In an age where machines now take the place of humans in a multitude of functions, the art of a skilled stonemason is still holding its own. While the impressive technology of modern day stone carving machinery allows for some breathtaking products on a grand scale, the art of a hand carved stone feature has not lost its place within the industry.

Many of the basic tools used by stonework and masonry professionals have endured the test of time, which means the tool belt of a 21st stonemason would not look greatly dissimilar to that of his counterpart many hundreds of years ago. For many homeowners this tradition and heritage gives them an invaluable peace of mind.

Natural Stone has a vast array of applications, each one requiring a different approach to achieve the desired result. It is this bespoke aspect of natural stone that allows the craft of stonemasonry to continue. No two pieces are ever the same, so you can be certain that your property is completely unique. What's more, stone adds value to your property by providing a timeless elegance and a feeling of luxury that is instantly noticeable to any potential buyers.

In an age of pre-cast, generic construction materials and finishes, expertly worked natural stone allows you to add beautifully unique touches to your home. From bespoke natural stone fireplaces through to personalised carvings on your porch, the choice really is yours.

With handcrafted natural stone, you are not just investing in the skills of an expert craftsman, but also in the inherent durability of the material itself. Natural stone is a beautiful, durable natural material, with impressive resistance to the elements as well as the wear and tear of everyday life. You only need look around any of Great Britain's major cities and you will see an array of century's old natural stone buildings, monuments and carvings. As a Homeowner, this is ultimately the aim of any new build or renovation project, to combine practicality and durability with aesthetic appeal.

As the Federation for the natural Stone industry, they are involved in various competitions and industry awards, one of which is the UK Masonry Skills Challenge. This year's competition had over 30 young stonemasons from across the United Kingdom enter for their chance to be crowned the best young stonemason. The standard of entries was as high as ever, proving that the crafts of stonework and masonry are as strong as ever.

Stonework & Masonry also received recognition in the 2012 Natural Stone Awards in the Craftsmanship category. Entries ranged from restoration work on parts of York Minster through to a natural stone mosaic at the entrance to Hereford Cathedral.

As the Award judges commented, the masonry work shown in the entries displayed the possibilities that natural stone affords for "highly visually pleasing end results with a practicality fit for purpose."

Unlike some trades, stonework and masonry

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to finishes and colours.

Sustainability is undoubtedly the buzz word of the moment, with domestic and commercial builders alike looking to reduce their impact on the environment and ensure a low carbon footprint. Natural stone delivers extremely well, even under the increased pressures put on materials to provide a sustainable solution.

"Natural stone used on construction projects provides a timeless aura of solidity, quality and prestige and mirrors the geological process whereby stone is worked for new build projects and subsequently re-used with time. Natural stone is a "cradle to grave" material."

In the same vein, the desire to 'buy local' as part of an ethical approach to sourcing materials is another concern of the self-builder. You may be surprised to know that there are well over 70 types of natural stone to choose from on your own doorstep. British Stones have an incredible heritage and character, and cover a vast selection of colours and applications. From Portland in the South, Crosland Yorkstone in the North and from Scottish Whin to Mourne Granite in Northern Ireland.

If you are engaging a stone professional such as a stonemason, to help you in your property, it is important that you get them involved early on in order to help you choose the right type of stone for your property. Stone Federation's website provides you with an easy to use tool to help you select the right stone professional for your project whether you are building, renovating or improving.

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ABOVE: MOURNE GRANITE
RIGHT: PORTLAND GROVE WHITBED

does not sit at odds with its modern counterpart, rather, the combination of technology and craftsmanship produces some fantastic results. One example of this is the growing trend within new build projects for the installation of cantilevered staircases. This often involves a combination of three-dimensional modelling alongside the hands-on stonework and craftsmanship. This merger of the old and the new ensures that the skills of stonework and masonry will long enjoy a place within the industry.

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